

**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

- Sunday, Oct. 28**
10:30 am Kick Off for Operation Christmas Child & Harvest Home Food Drive
- Wednesday, Oct. 31**
Halloween
- Sunday, Nov. 4**
Daylight Savings Time Ends—
Turn Clocks Back!
Joint Board after worship
- Tuesday, Nov. 6**
Election Day
- Sunday, Nov. 11**
Veterans Day
10:30 am Worship with Communion
- Saturday, Nov. 17**
2:00 pm Moss Gathering
- Sunday, Nov. 18**
Harvest Home
10:30 am Worship with last food collection
Last Day for Shoeboxes!
Friendsgiving Dinner
after worship in Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, Nov. 22**
Thanksgiving
- Sunday, Nov. 25**
Putz Assembly after worship
- Sunday, Dec. 2**
10:30 am First Sunday of Advent; Hanging of the Greens following worship;
3:00 & 3:45 pm Putz Showings
6:00 pm NENA Christmas Concert

Everyone to Know

Thaddeus is struggling in reading and writing. There are days where that struggle is so intense it brings tears to his and to my eyes. Reading and Writing are his giants. We remind him that David took down a giant. Even when it looks and feels impossible, with God, all things are possible.

On Tuesday, Thaddeus and his class went to First Fruits Farm for a service field trip. First Fruits Farm's motto is "Grow Food, Give Food, Serve Others" (<https://www.firstfruitsfarm.org>). Thaddeus came home wanting to go back! He was full of energy to do more for others and to make sure people knew that God loved them. The conversation around the dinner table that night consisted of the following monologue: "When can we go to First Fruits as a family? Jesus said we need to help people so, what else can we do? Everyone needs food. You know, if someone came to our door, we should invite them in, feed them, give them a place to sleep (that's what Jesus would do). I could design a building for homeless people where they could come and get help, live and we can help them have a home." Thaddeus talked so much he had to be reminded to eat!

He also did something before dinner. After he pulled weeds outside and swept the driveway, he wrote on the chalkboard on our front porch. He didn't know how to spell every word and there were some letters written backward at first, but he kept going, kept trying, kept writing, because he wanted everyone to know , , , God Loves You! You're Special!

—Pastor Sayward



Average Attendance in Worship

October 2018 — 4 Sundays: 34.25
October 2017 — 5 Sundays: 50

Offerings: Sept. 23-Oct. 21

General: \$7,217.00
Refurbishing Fund: \$215.00
Smith Book: \$132.00
Parking: \$150.00

Elders Report

No Elders Report Available

Trustees Report

Highlights from the October 15th meeting of the Trustees are as follows:

- Tim Rishel is working on putting down new lines in the rear parking lot
- Light fixtures in the vestibule, Sunday School assembly room, hallways, and basement need replaced. Haller Inc. is to submit an estimate.
- The light on the church sign is not working. John Knokey will be contacted.
- The cellar door in the Annex needs repaired or replaced.
- The window well on the south side of the church is caving in. This may have to wait until Spring for repairs.
- The front porch ceiling needs repaired.
- The rubber feet on 91 folding chairs were replaced. Cost: \$80.08.
- We are currently getting quotes for furnace maintenance.
- Pastor Sayward will contact Childcare Consultants to see who does their snow removal.

Moravian News Briefs

Hurricane Florence battered the North Carolina coast near the city of Wilmington with strong winds, storm surge, then devastating floods. We are thankful that Covenant Moravian Church was spared any significant damage and will be hosting volunteers for the weeks of Nov. 4-10 and 11-17. Sleeping cots, showers, and food will be available for crew members throughout the two weeks. Individuals of all skill levels are needed to fill the teams that will be doing clean up and some light construction. We are in need of folks who have pickup trucks or vans that can be used to transport materials to our work sites. In addition, we have established a partnership with the United Methodist relief effort in Lumberton, NC, which was also hit with heavy flooding from Florence. They will be hosting work crews well into 2019.

The BWM continues to monitor the unfolding situation in Florida following the devastating arrival of **Hurricane Michael**, one of the most powerful storms in recent history. We continue to be in touch with our Lutheran and United Methodist partners to see how we can best cooperate with their relief efforts in Florida.

If you are interested in joining a mission crew to Wilmington, the Gulf Coast, or to our continuing work in St. Thomas, please fill out the registration form found on the Board of World Mission website at MoravianMission.org/MDR. Questions can be directed to the Rt. Rev. Chris Geisler by email at chris@moravianmission.org or by calling 610-868-1732.

You can help to support all Moravian disaster relief efforts by sending your donations to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. You may also make your donation online at <http://moravianmission.org/give> and click on the green "Donate Now" link at the top of the page.

Your support can change lives.

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Sr. Christine Johnson has accepted an appointment to serve as interim pastor of the Emmaus Moravian Church in Emmaus, PA, beginning November 4. She will serve in that capacity until February 2019.

Food Pantry

Please remember our Food Pantry needs: pre-packaged food items, such as granola/energy/cereal bars, peanut butter crackers, snack-sized fruit cups, peanut butter, ramen soups, tuna/chicken salad snacks-to-go. Also personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and soap. And clean grocery bags.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!



The **Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off** will be held Sunday, Oct 28th during worship. Packet information and labels will be provided. You may choose “Boy” or “Girl” and select an age category. The last day to collect boxes will be Sunday, Nov. 18th.

Fill a regular shoebox (one with a separate lid) with small toys, school supplies, hygiene products and other items suggested in the provided information packets. They are asking that we NOT include any candy, toothpaste or any liquid form items due to customs stipulations. Please wrap your boxes with Christmas paper and remember the lids must be wrapped separately! If you have extra boxes to share, please bring them to church.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has brought the joy of Christmas and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in over 100 countries. Help bring happiness to a child this Christmas; a child who has never received a gift before; a child who has yet to experience the love of Jesus Christ!

November Lectors

- Nov. 4 Bryan Bailey
- Nov. 11 Sharon Saylor
- Nov. 18 Chris Dobron
- Nov. 25 Cliff Rowell

November Children’s Chat

- Nov. 4 Pastor Sayward
- Nov. 11 John Knokey
- Nov. 18 Linda Rishel
- Nov. 25 Pastor Sayward

Harvest Home Food Drive

The C.E.C. announces the **2018 Harvest Home Food Drive** set to begin on Sunday, Oct. 28th. We will be asking for specific items each week with the last food collection being on Sunday, Nov. 18th. Each week the children will collect the food items from the Narthex boxes and place them on the display in the Sanctuary.

For Week 1 (Oct. 28th) we are asking for canned soups and Ramen soup meals. Week 2 (Nov. 4), personal hygiene items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soaps). Week 3 (Nov. 11), canned fruits and vegetables. Week 4 (Nov. 18), canned meats (i.e., tuna, salmon, chicken, Spam) and shelf-stable meals such as Hormel dinners. All donations will supplement our own Food Pantry.



Friendsgiving Dinner

The **Friendsgiving Dinner** will be held after worship on Nov. 18th. Turkey, gravy, stuffing balls, coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided. We ask that you bring a favorite family holiday side dish to share and bring the recipe for it with you! We would like to use those recipes to create a **Friendsgiving Cookbook**. Feel free to bring along more recipe cards for other favorite family holiday dishes and desserts to add to our Cookbook! And, please, share this special day with friends by inviting them to worship and then to stay and enjoy our Friendsgiving Dinner!

November Ushers

Rick & Lori Lehigh

November Nursery Staff

Volunteers on an as-needed basis

November Gatekeepers

- Nov. 4 Lance Sprenkle
- Nov. 11 Gary Paules
- Nov. 18 Jeff Rishel
- Nov. 25 Larry Sprenkle



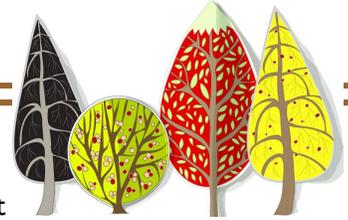
Worship Wednesday!

Check out First’s Facebook page on Wednesdays!
Every Wednesday there will be a “mini” personal worship devotion to get you through the rest of the week!

Diners' Club

Please consider joining our delightful little group — and **bring a friend or two** for some **quality mingling with fellow Christians!**

November 27: Texas Roadhouse
No Diner's Club in December



Pre~Advent Events

Moss Gathering & Covered Dish will take place on Saturday, Nov. 17th at 2:00 pm at Lance and Diane Sprenkle's home in Thomasville. Bring your walking shoes, gardening gloves, a small trowel or spade, and help collect moss and other foliage plants to adorn the Putz display!

And speaking of the Putz ... **Putz Assembly** will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, Nov. 25th.

The first **Putz Showings** will take place on Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 3:00 & 3:45 pm. Please see John Knokey if you are interested in being an operator or a host/hostess for the Putz showings.

Hanging of the Greens will be after worship on Sunday, Dec. 2nd with chicken corn soup being provided by Linda Rishel. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Sensory Room News

On Oct. 29th, a new group of children, deaf or hard of hearing, and their parents will be testing out the sensory rooms to see if the spaces would be ideal to meet on occasion for social interaction, as well as a place to continue practicing communicating. We also had another therapist use the sensory room for a private therapy session.

As always, continue to pray for this new ministry and for ways to expand upon it.

Unity Prayer Watch

As in the past, we have had the privilege of praying for our worldwide community during the month of December. On December 1st, Northern Province will take over from Tanzania Southwest; Northern Province will then pass the privilege to the four congregations in Peru on December 22nd. **Our congregation's Unity Prayer Watch Day will be Friday, Dec. 7th.** We will be sharing prayer hours with Covenant Moravian, Lebanon and Schoeneck congregations. A Prayer Watch sign up sheet will soon be available. You may sign up for a half-hour block. Let the offering of prayers uttered by Moravians worldwide remain unbroken, constant and ever faithful. Thank you for being the Church.

2019 Moravian Young Adult Youth Convo

Attention all youth aged 18-26 years ... Explore your Moravian Mission Roots and walk in the steps of the first Moravian missionaries!! Experience this opportunity with other young adults from across the Northern and Southern Provinces from June 25-July 3, 2019. Participants will spend time in Hands-On Mission Work in the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas, islands which were badly damaged from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma last year.

Save the date! And watch this newsletter for more details as we get them!

Newsbriefs Within Our Community

The **NENA Christmas Concert** will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 6:00 pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, 340 E. Market St. Free parking is available at the sides and back of the church. First's choir is anticipating to participate with other area church choirs.

Coffee and More York C.A.R.E.S. for the Homeless recently opened the Coffee Spot, a safe and comfortable place where people dealing with homelessness can gather to rest and relax. Located at 114 S. Duke St., the Coffee Spot is open Monday through Friday from 1:00—2:30 pm. Mail and other services are also available there.



Birthdays

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| Nov. 1 | Jeanne Barshinger | Nov. 19 | Dynola Kotek |
| Nov. 7 | Linda Taylor | Nov. 20 | Olivia Downs |
| Nov. 10 | Julia Saylor | Nov. 21 | Lindsey Robinson |
| Nov. 15 | Gary Paules | | Amy Shouck |
| Nov. 17 | Aaren Eckert | Nov. 30 | Jacob Sprengle |



Anniversaries

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| Nov. 5 | Terry & Christine Downs |
| Nov. 21 | Gary & Anita (Sue) Paules |



Prayer Concerns

Members and Friends

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| Amy Ardison (Betsy Senft's sister) | Stanley Remley |
| Jeanne Barshinger | John Rishel |
| Miriam Boll | Karrie Rishel |
| Don & Audris Eckert | Cliff & Elaine Rowell |
| Marie Enterline | Ruth & Clair Seiple |
| Peg & John Knaub | Wes Senft |
| Glenn & Cheri Miley | Lewis Swartz |
| Kathie Nicholas | Mary Jones |
| Sue Paules | |
| Samuel Pauley | |

Shut-Ins

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| Jeanne Barshinger | John Rishel |
| Miriam Boll | Lewis Swartz |
| Marie Enterline | |



Congratulations to Elisabeth Taylor who graduated from Texas A&M University in May. She was a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. Her future plans are to either pursue a Master's Degree or to attend law school. She says she is looking forward to gaining new experiences and is happy to be moving back to Pennsylvania. Currently she is unemployed but is actively looking and has several resumes out in the job market.

She would LOVE to keep in touch with her First friends! Her address is:

Elisabeth Taylor
 1413 Country Club Apts.
 Dallas, PA 18612



Family Corner



Behold! The Power of . . .

UNO! Kevin introduced the boys to UNO a week or so ago. They now want to play the game every night!

Yes, they could choose to watch something on their tablets, or watch a DVD or PBS Kids, but they choose UNO! They love to play as a family. UNO is helping Spencer with his colors and numbers. It also supports fine motor development in both Thaddeus's and Spencer's hands by holding many cards. I have fond memories of playing UNO with my family, specifically, my grandmother.

What game can you break out and introduce to your kids? Candy Lane? Mouse Trap? Don't Break the Ice? Monopoly? Sorry? Trouble? or Scrabble? Go ahead! Make some memories!



2019 Girls' Retreat at Camp Hope

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will last — and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. John 15:16

Friday, January 25th 7:00 pm — Sunday, January 27th 1:00 pm



Girls in 3rd through 8th grades are invited to come to Camp Hope for a weekend of fun-filled learning, sharing, singing and crafting. The focus will be on who we are in God's eyes, what helps us to grow deeper in our faith, what we can do to help others, and why it's important to be a good friend.

The cost for the weekend is \$80 which includes housing, food, many craft projects and lots of fun! Registration forms and Health forms are available by contacting: Rev. Jodie Harney at Mountainview Moravian Church, 610-838-9344 or jlharney212@gmail.com. Please note that space is limited to 40 girls, so register soon!

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NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

2018 Watchword

Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.

Jeremiah 5:24